

Graphs of small *rank-width* are pivot-minors of graphs of small *tree-width*

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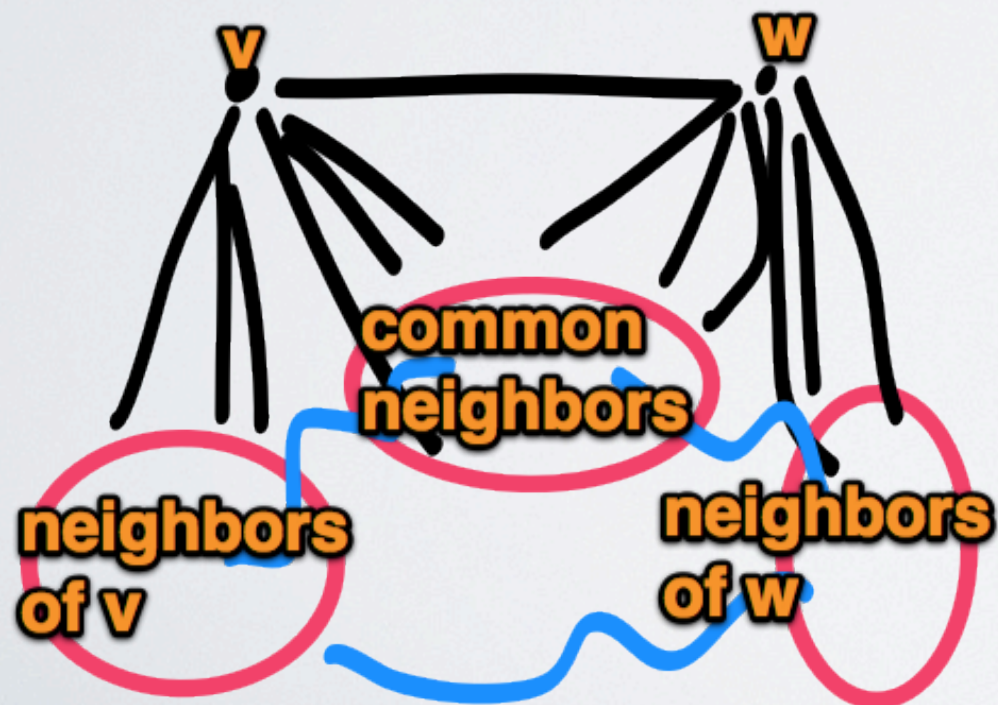
(O. and Seymour 2005)

- Width parameter of graphs
- Generalizing tree-width (Dense graphs can have small rank-width)
- Small rank-width implies many algorithmic problems to be solvable in polynomial time
- Any problem expressible in MSOL can be solved in $O(n^3)$ time for graphs of rank-width at most k (for fixed k) (Courcelle Makowsky Rotics, 2000)

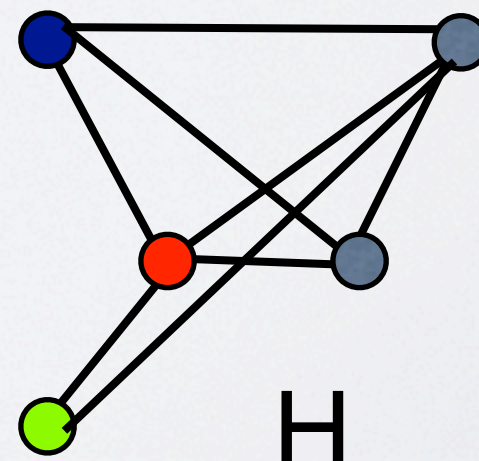
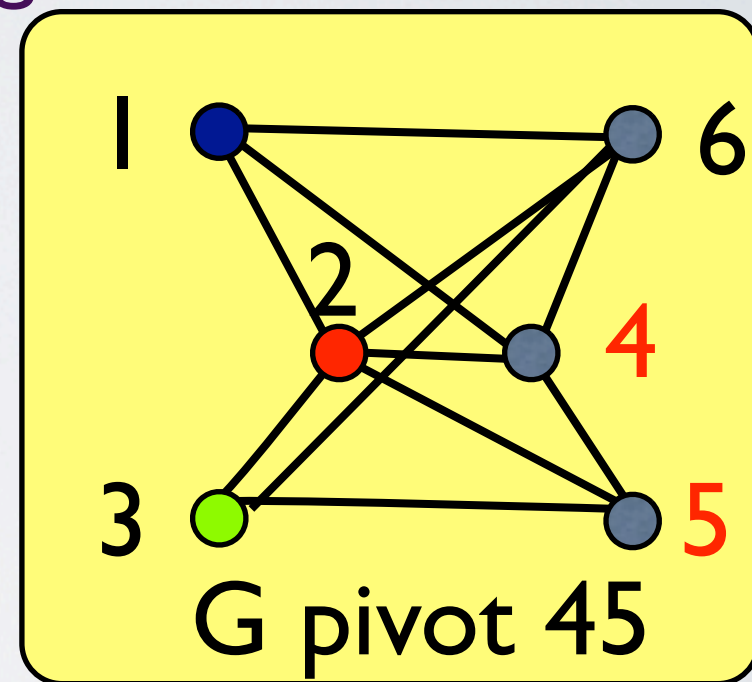
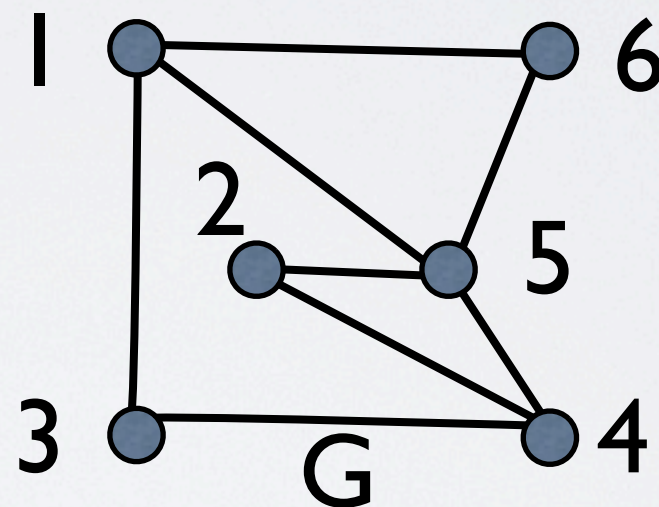
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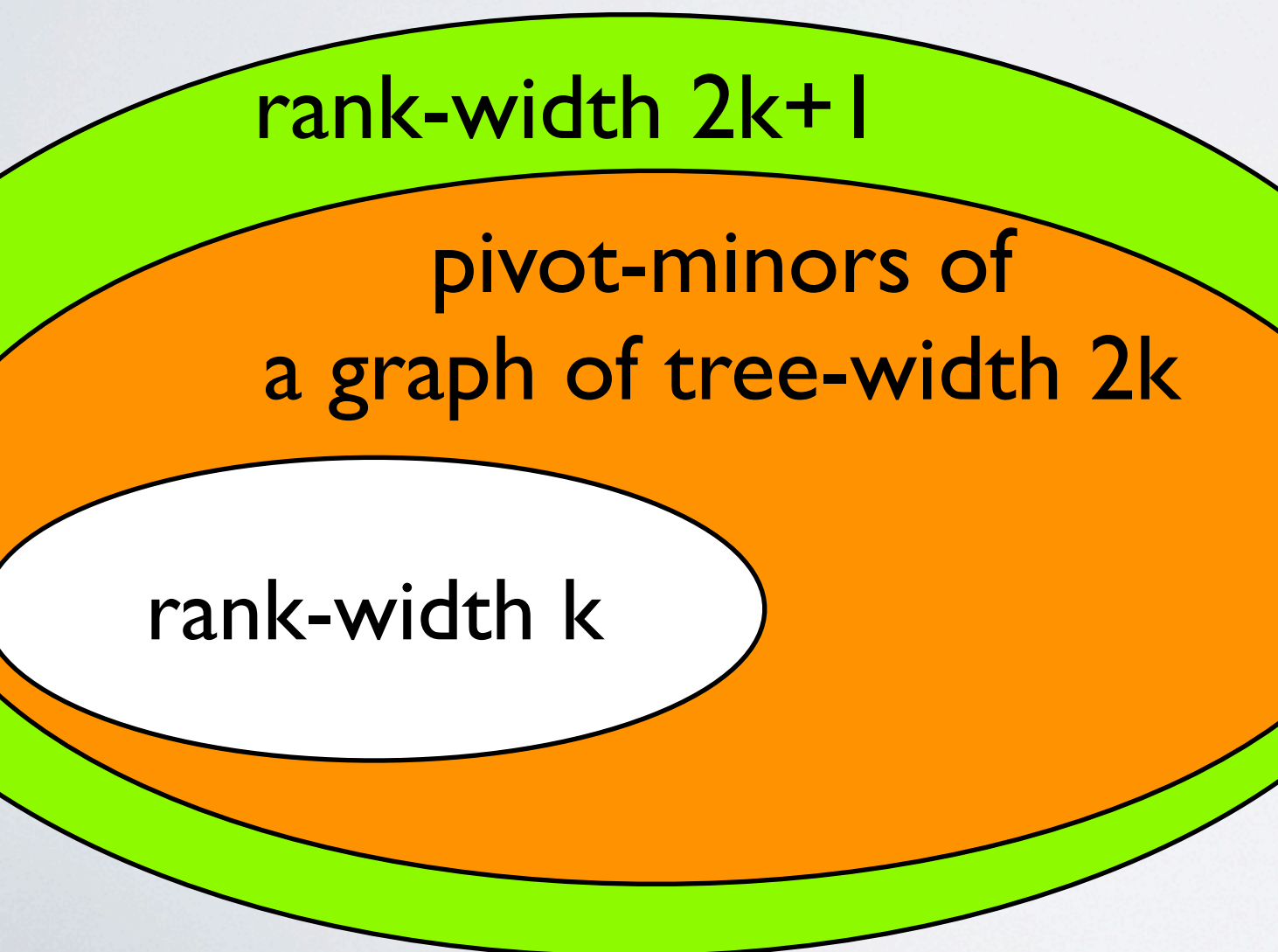


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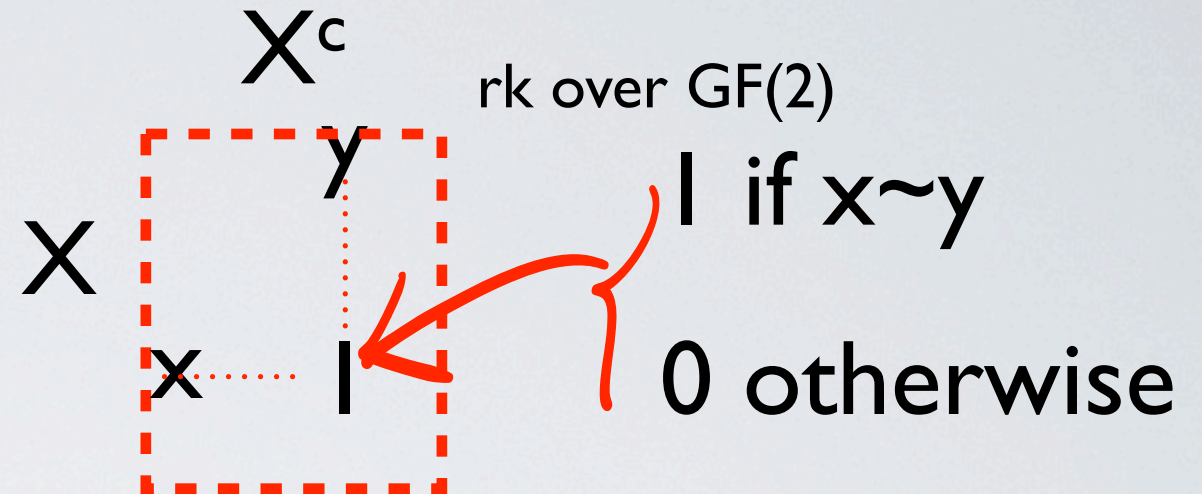
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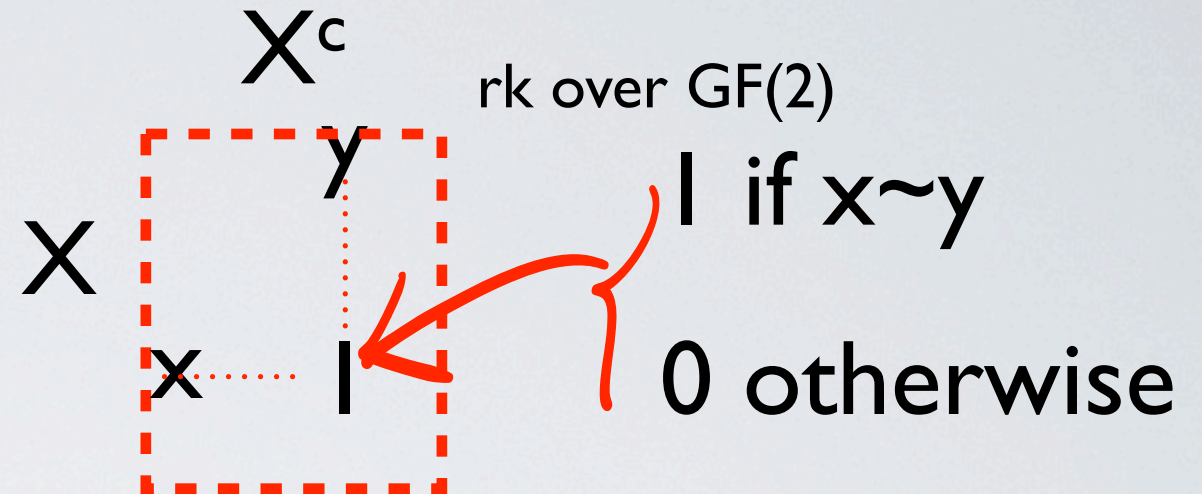


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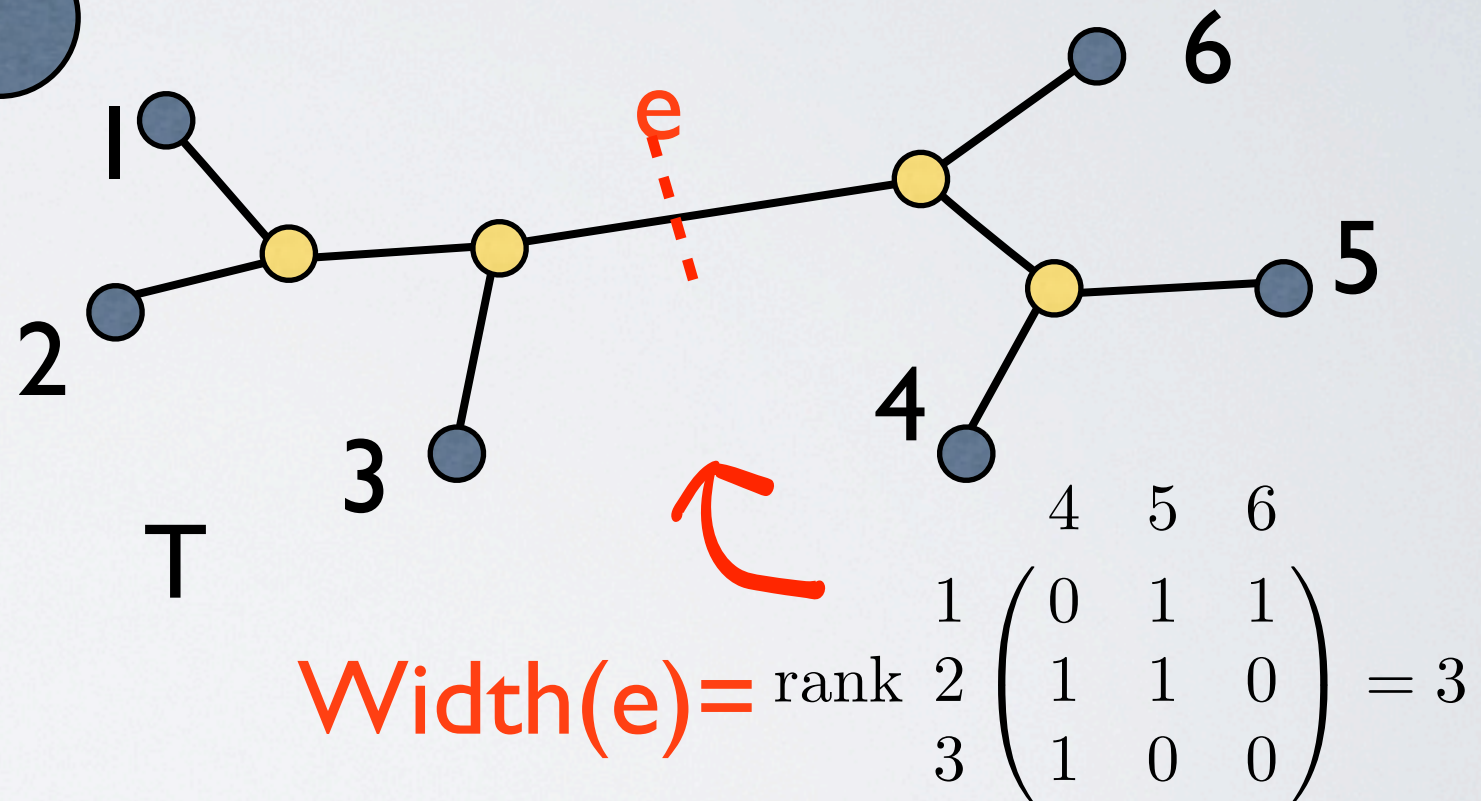
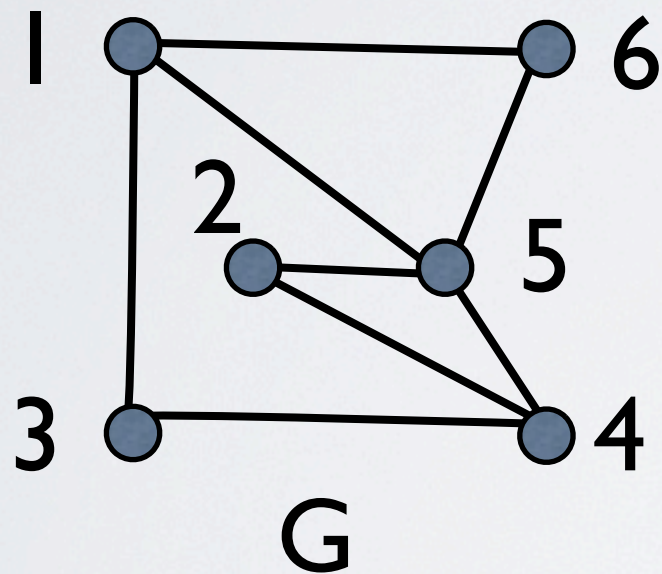
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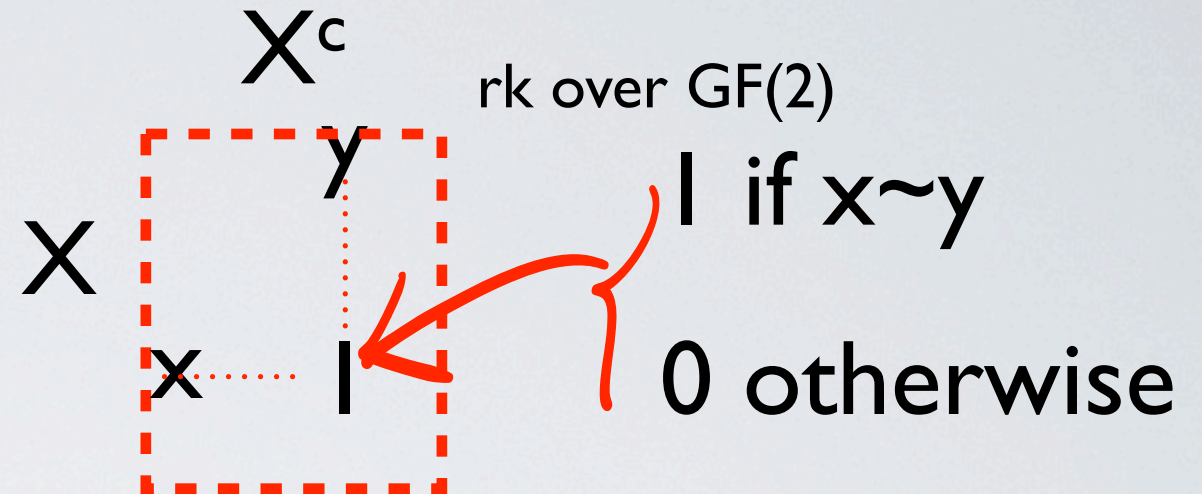
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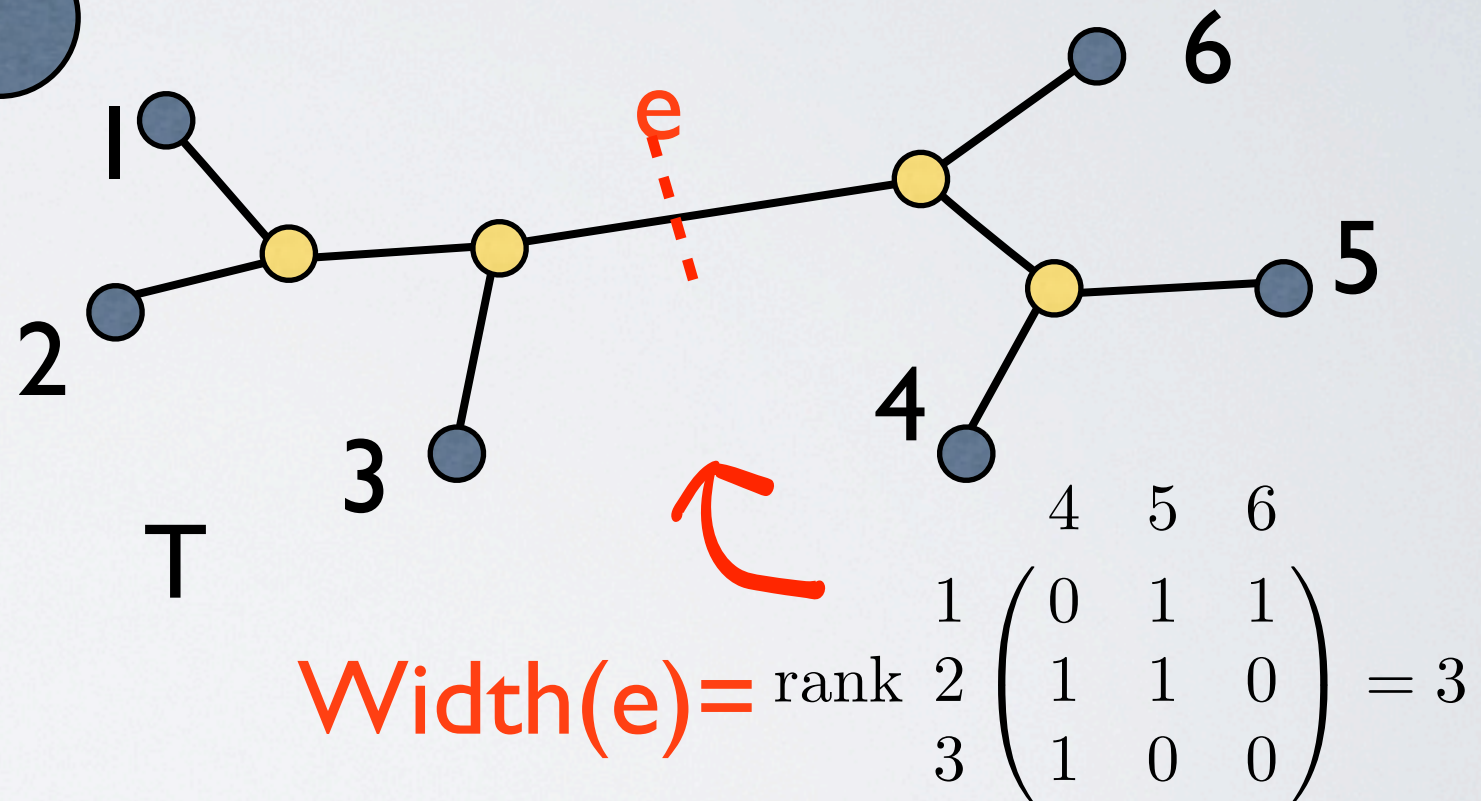
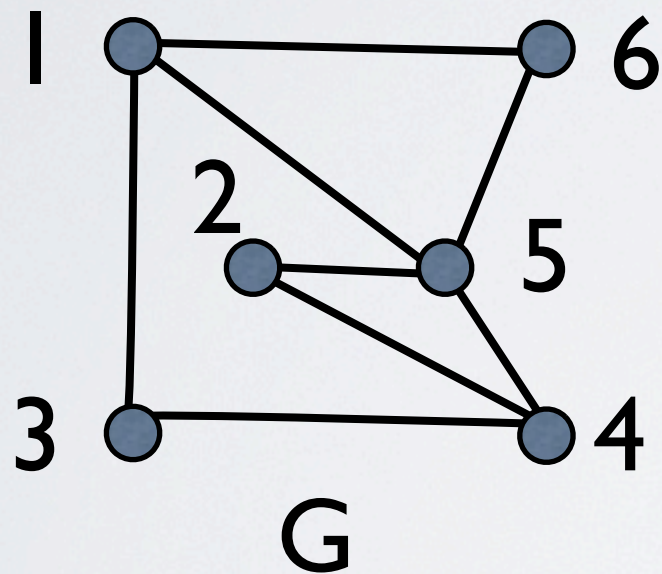
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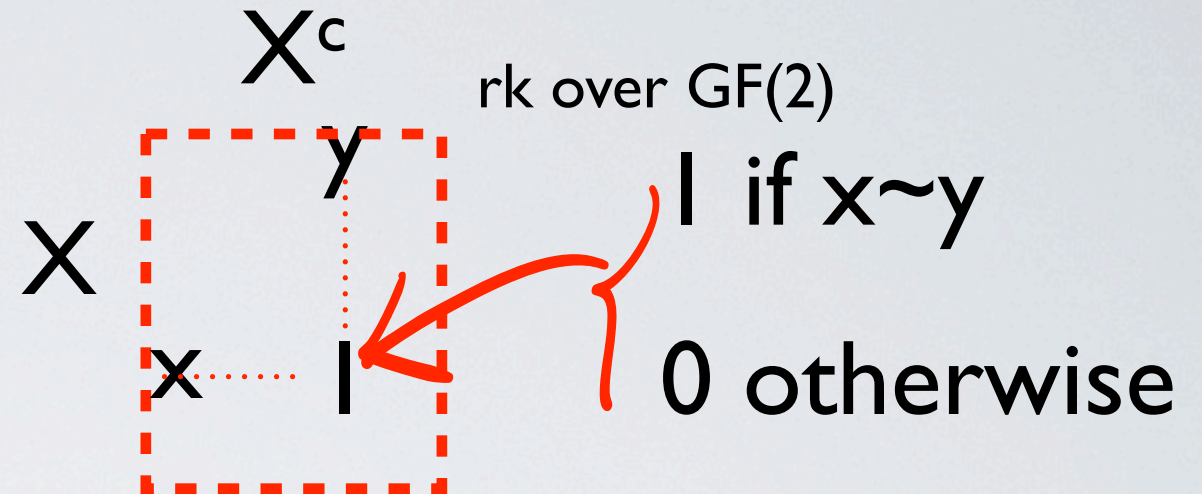


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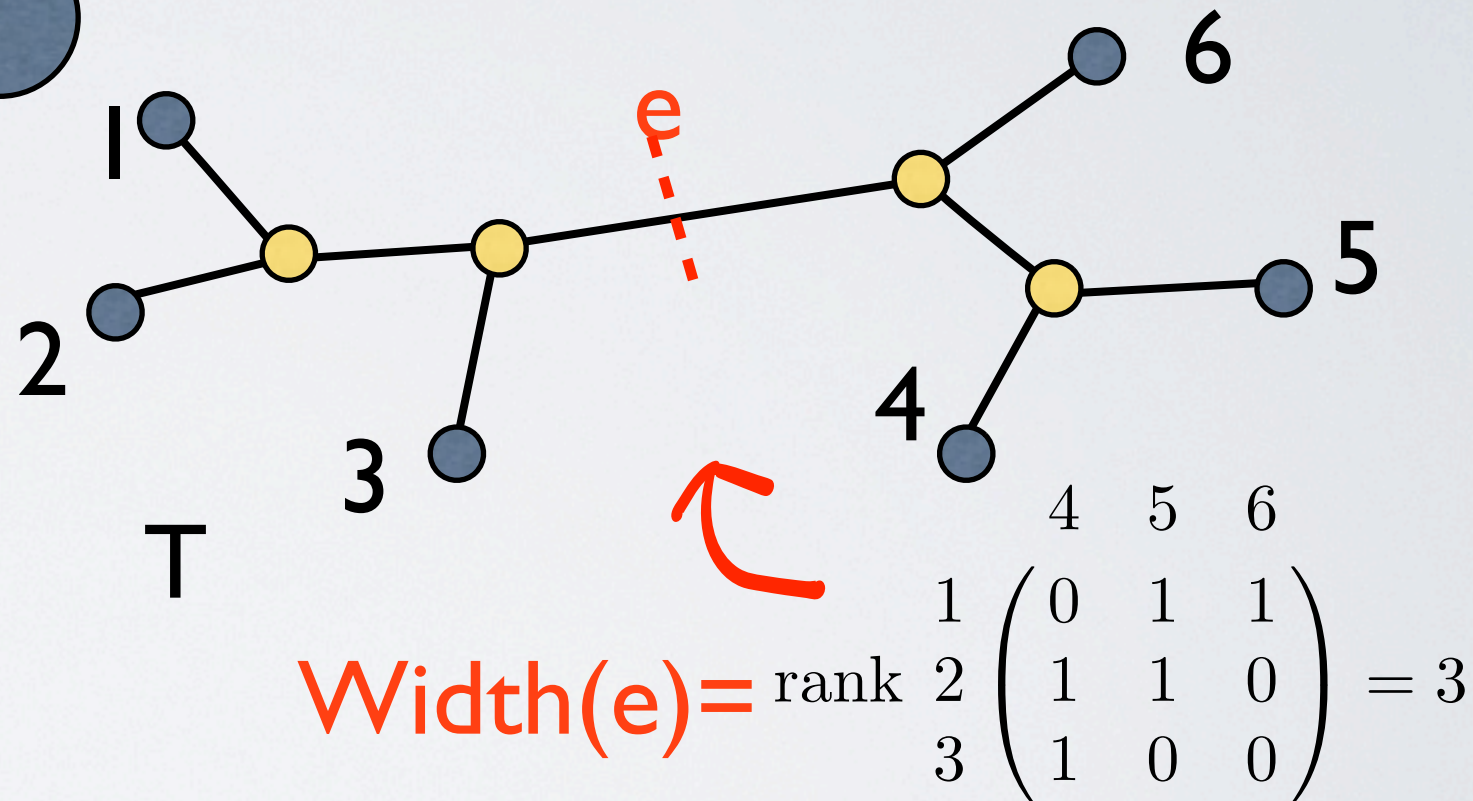
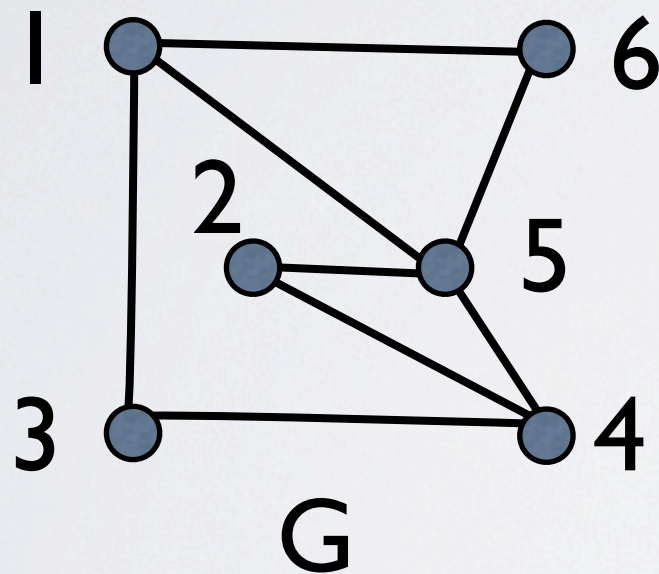
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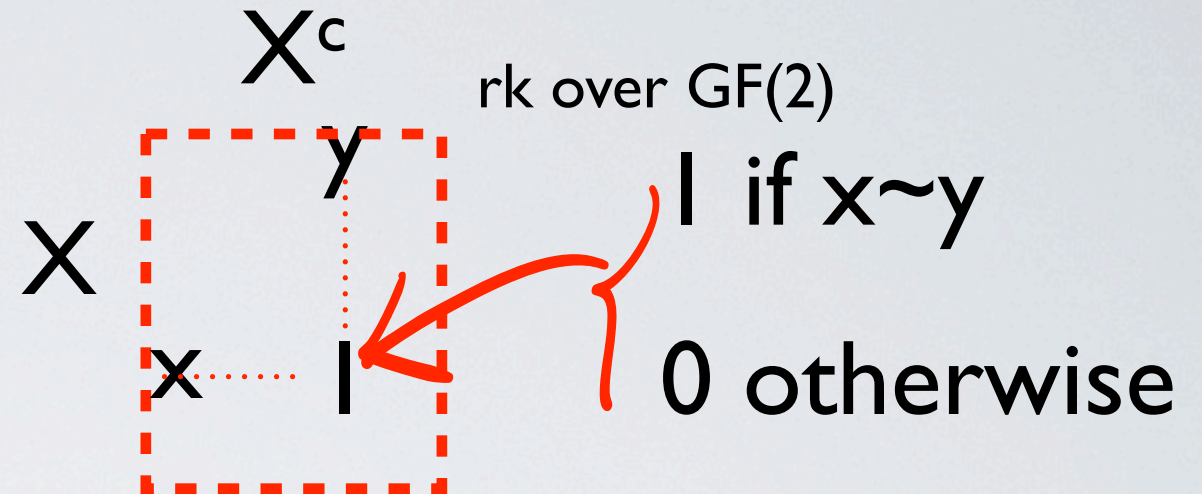
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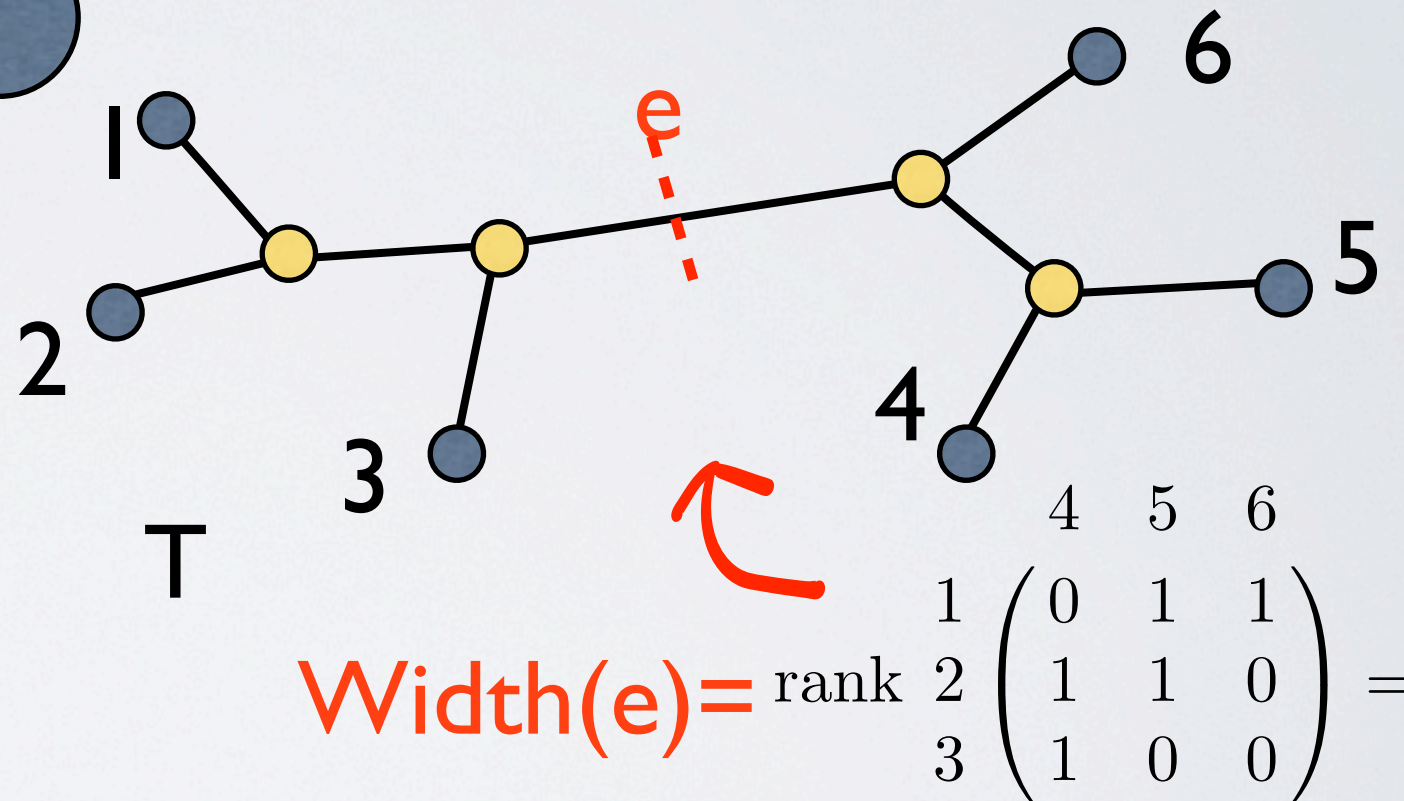
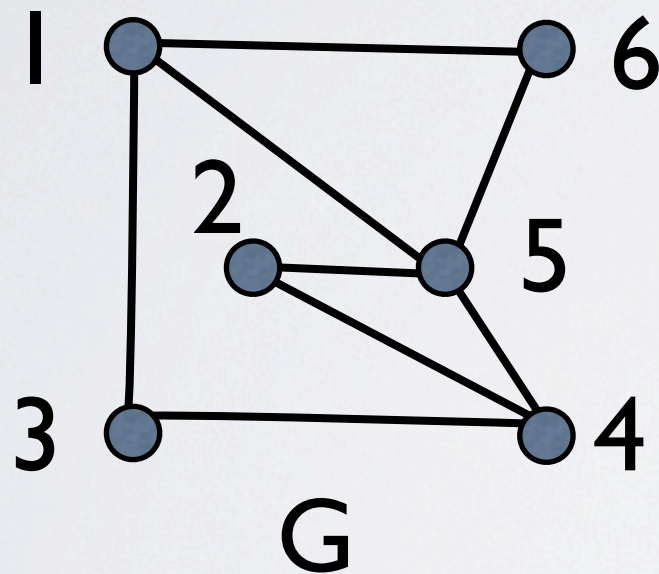
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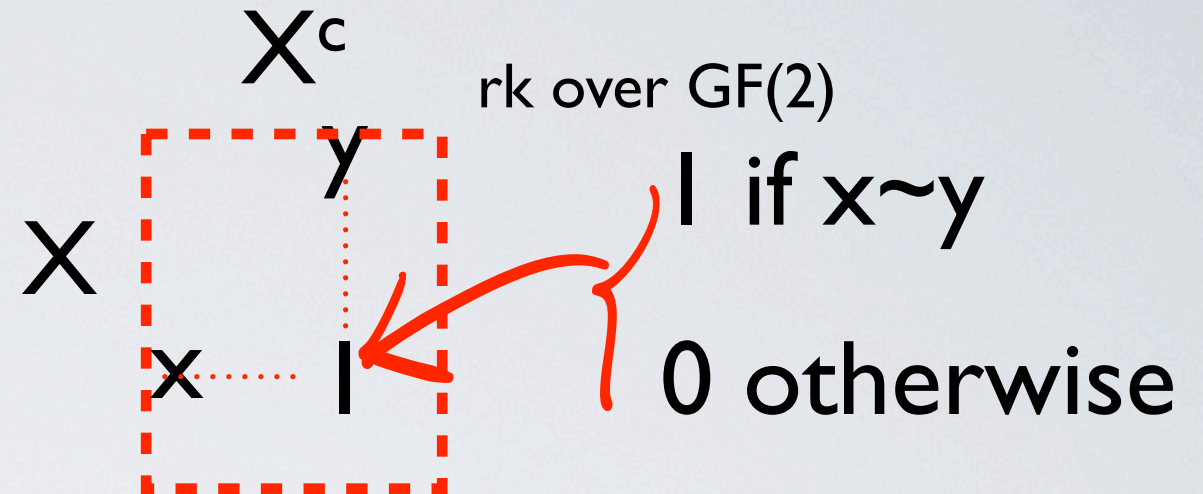
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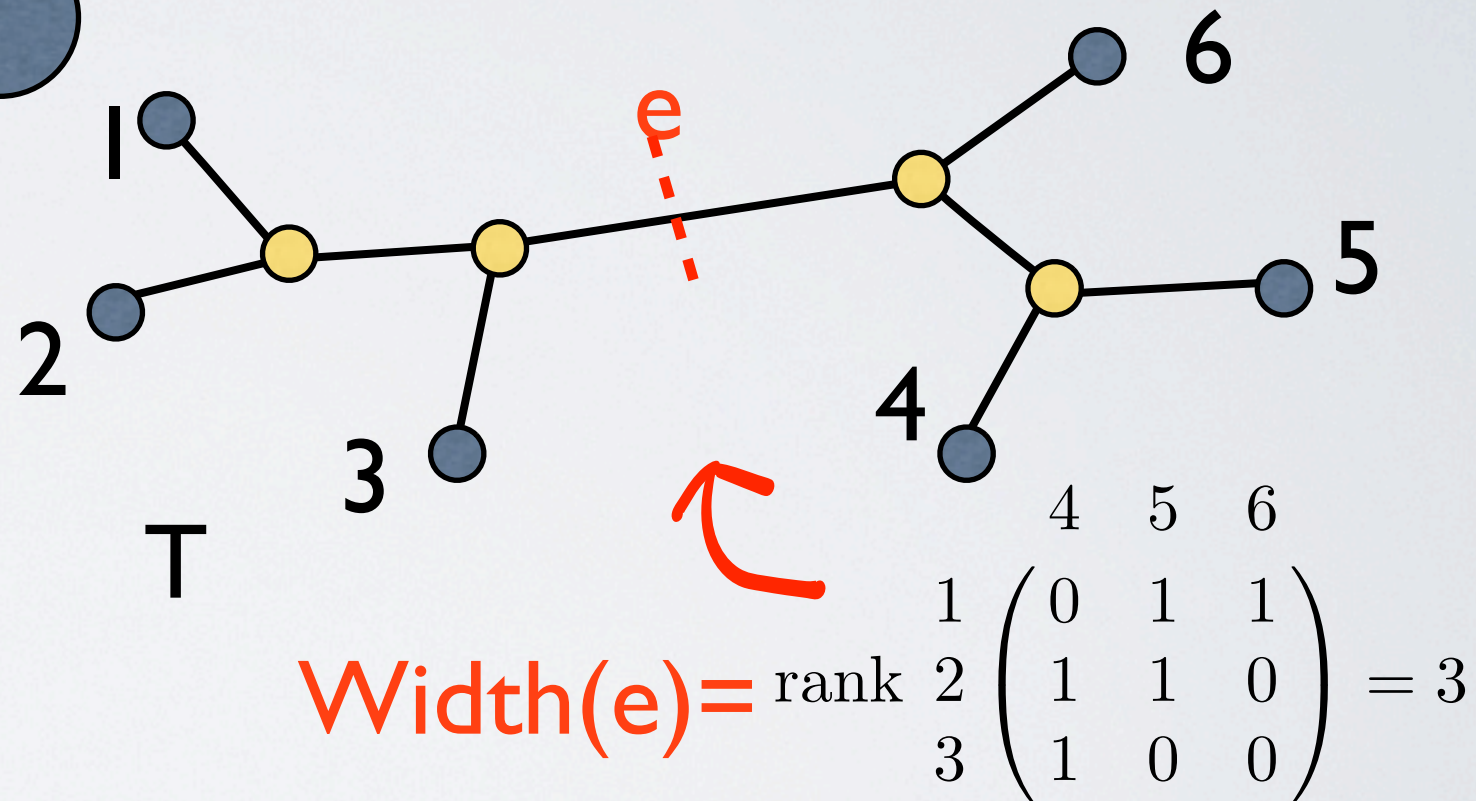
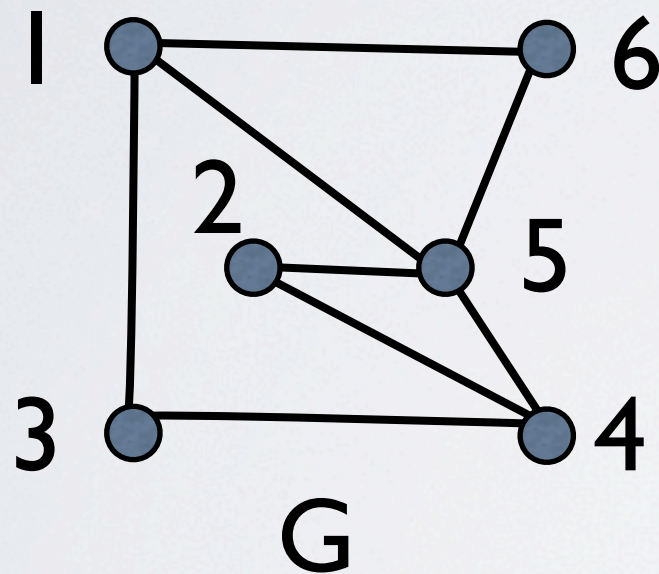
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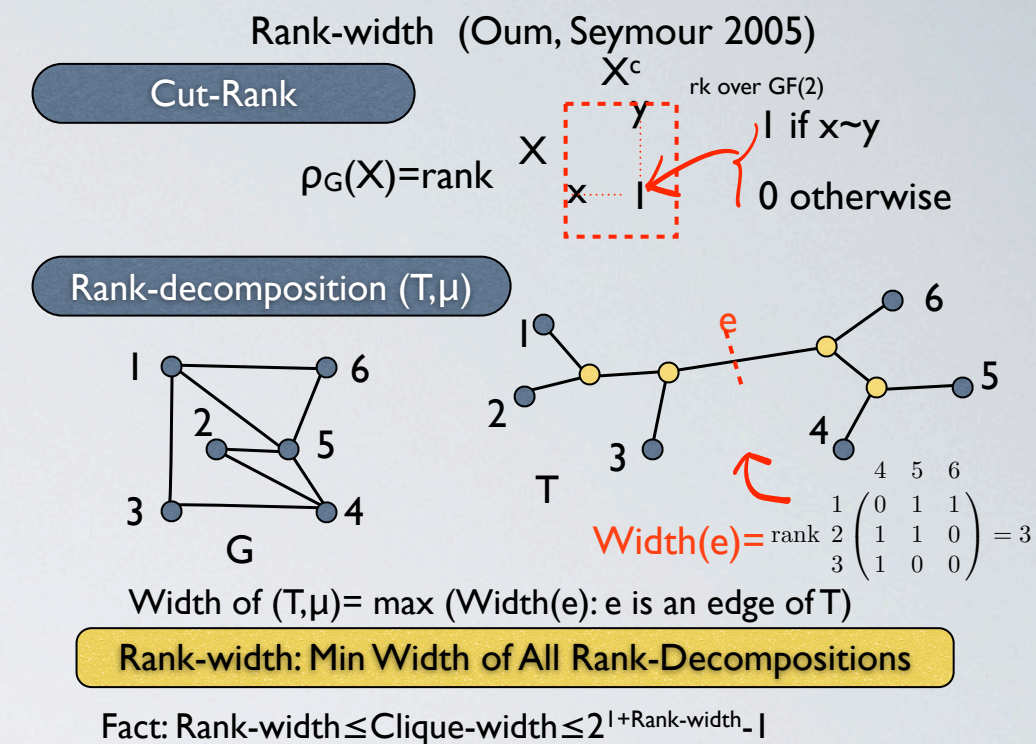
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Examples

Graph	Rank-width	Tree-width
Trees	1	1
K_n	1	$n-1$
$n \times n$ grid	$n-1$	n

Properties

- If $\text{rank-width}(G)=k$, then $\text{rank-width}(\bar{G}) \leq k+1$.
- For **fixed** k , it is possible to decide $\text{rank-width} \leq k$ in **$O(n^3)$ time**, and if yes, output a rank-decomposition of width $\leq k$. (Hlineny, Oum '08)
- NP-complete to decide $\text{rank-width} \leq k$ for an input k : implied by Seymour and **Thomas** (1994), "Call routing and the ratcatcher"
- Graphs of $\text{rank-width} \leq k$ are wqo by pivot-minors (O. '08)
- If H is a pivot-minor of G , then $\text{rank-width}(H) \leq \text{rank-width}(G)$.



Proof

Theorem (Kwon-O.)

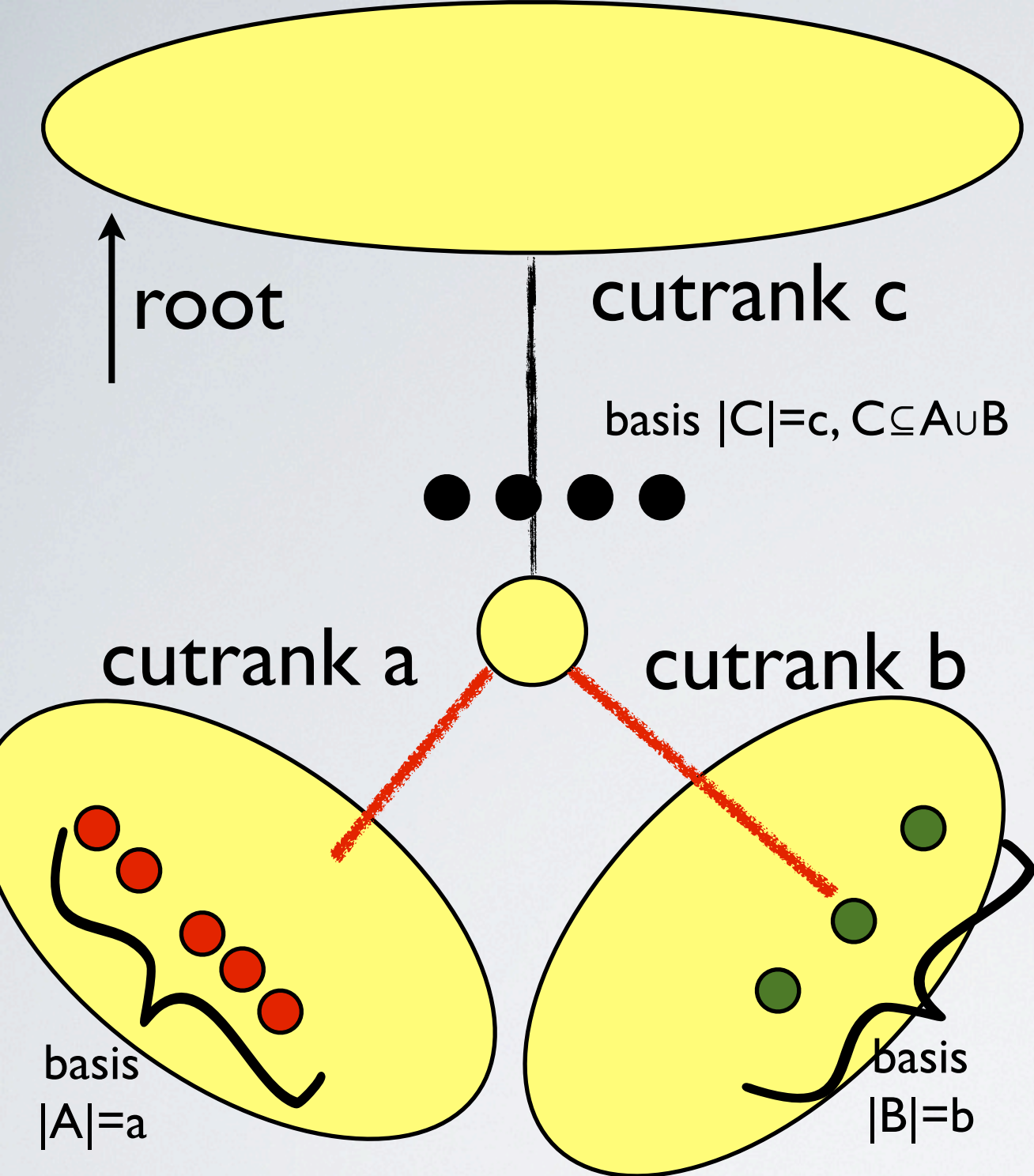
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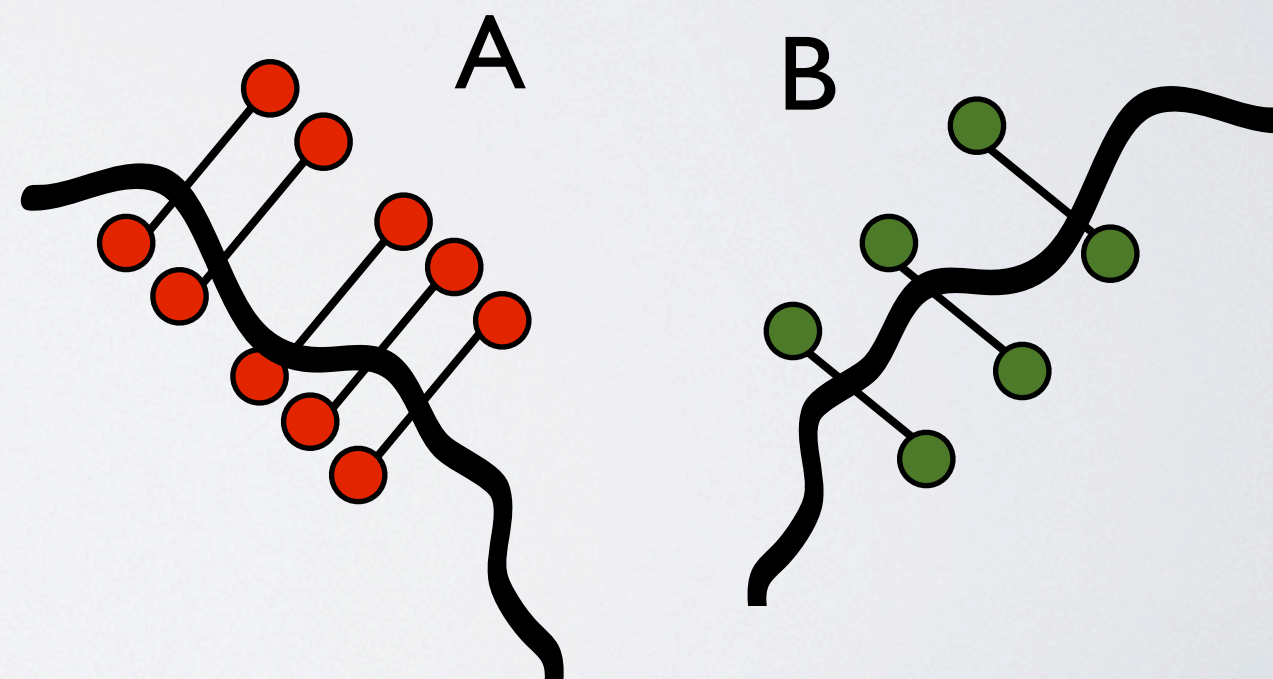
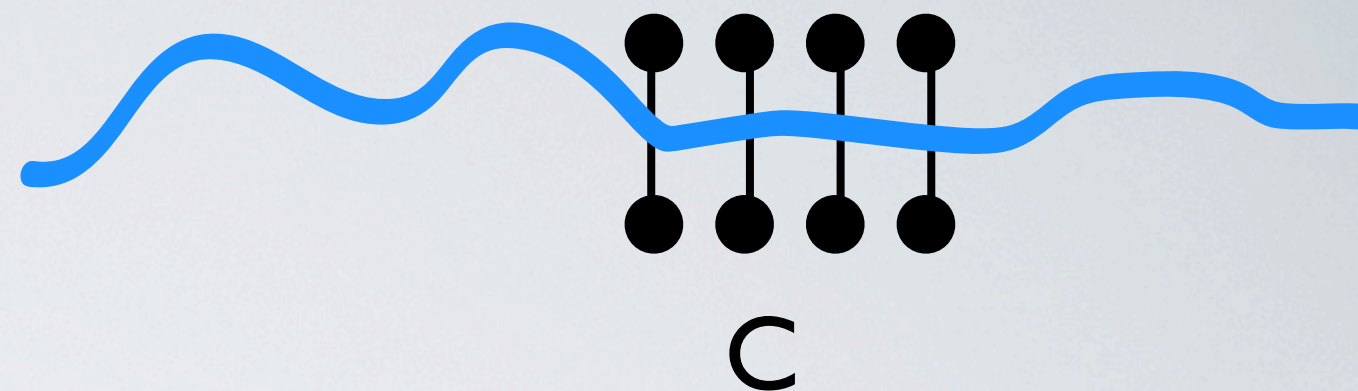
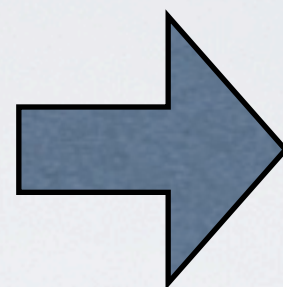
Given a graph G
and a rank-decomposition (T, μ) of width k ,
we explicitly construct
a graph H , called a **rank-expansion**, such that

- (i) $\text{tree-width}(H) \leq 2k$
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Our proof: $|V(H)| \leq (2k+1)n - 6k$
(We assume $n \geq 3$ and G is connected)

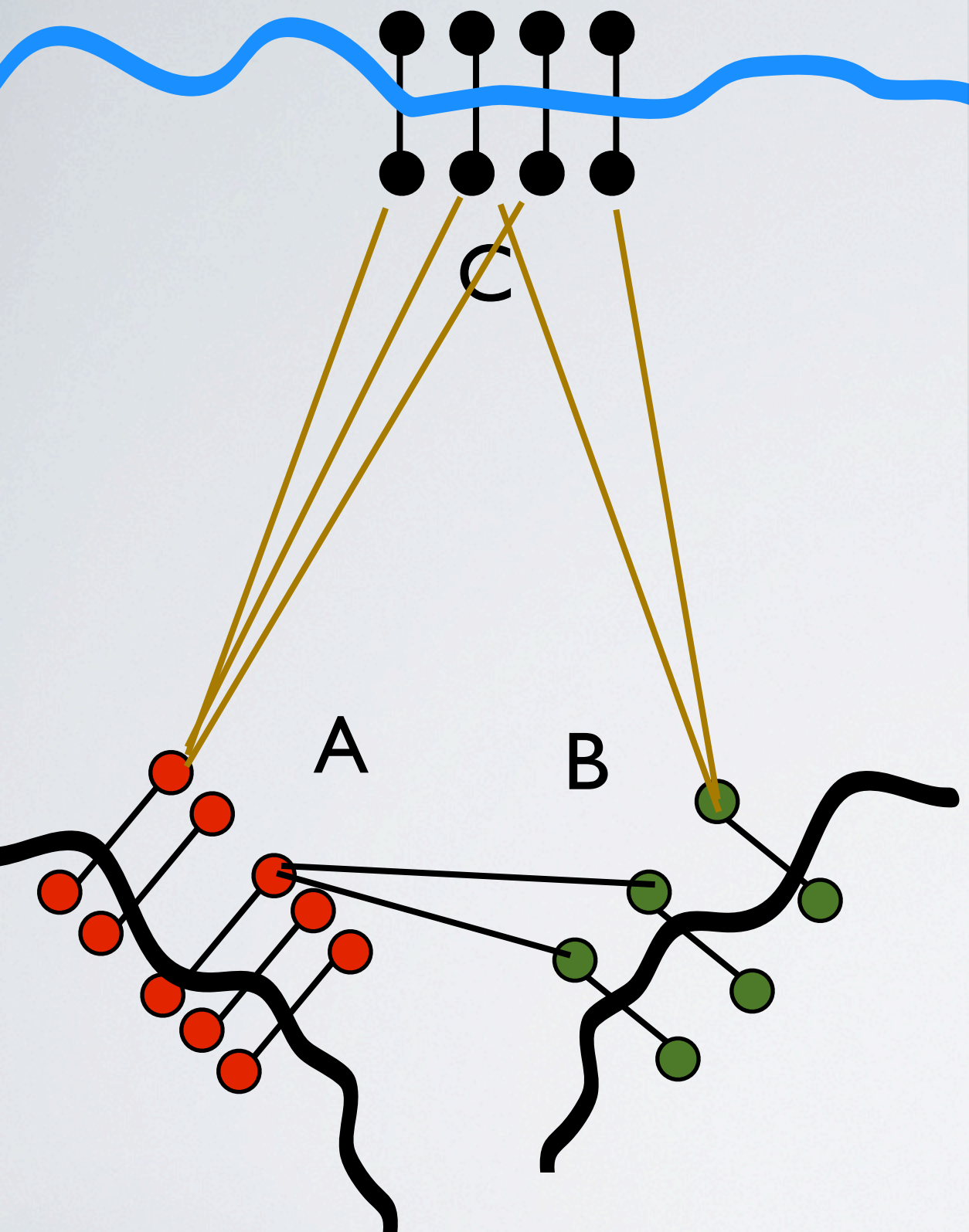


(rooted) rank-decomposition
(root: edge of T)



rank-expansion

outside world



For each vertex v in A or B ,
find a subset C_v of C
such that
(neighbors of v outside) =
sum (neighbors of vertices in x
outside: x in C_v)
as a 0-1 vector over $GF(2)$

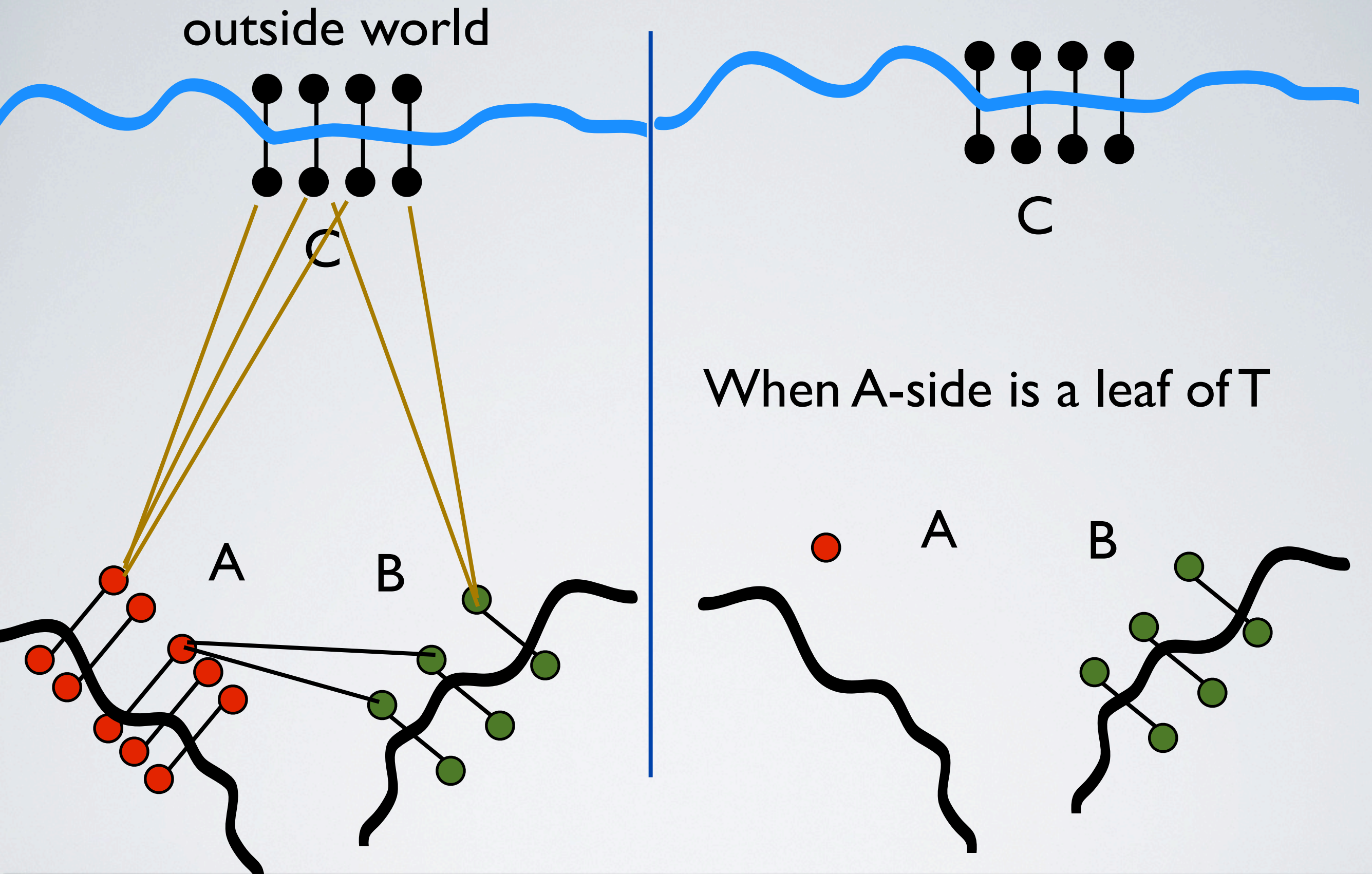
Since C is a basis,
 C_v is uniquely determined

Edges between $A \cup B$ and C

Add edges from v to C_v

Edges between A and B

Join them if they are adjacent in G



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Sketch: Proved directly or by some linear algebraic lemma (matrix multiplication)

Theorem 2:

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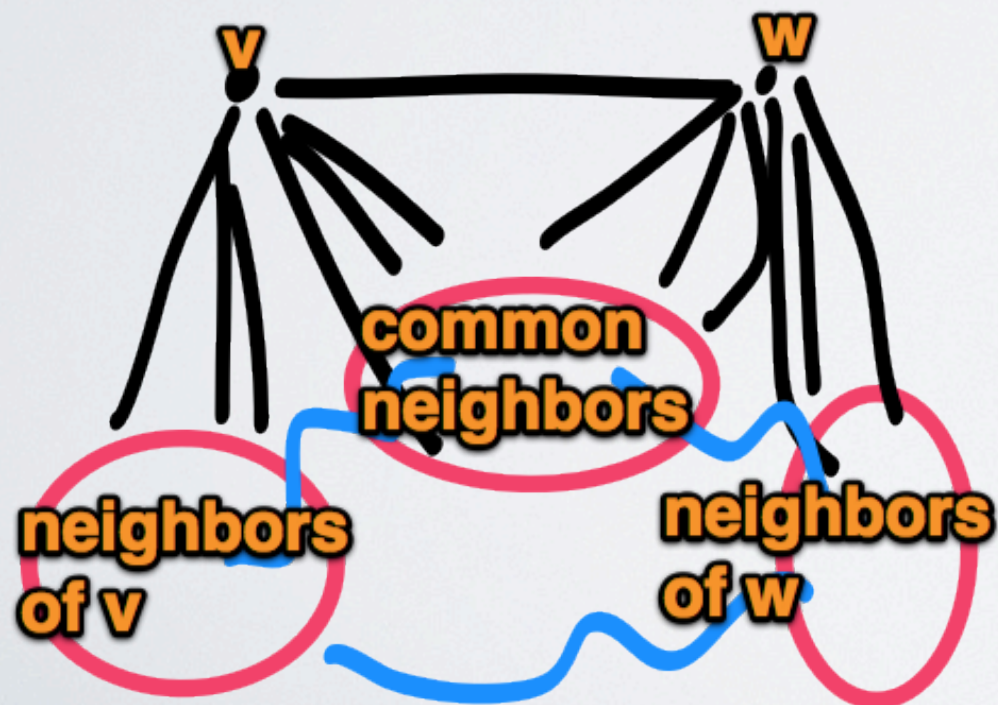
- $a, b, c \leq k$
- there is a matching covering C in the red edges
(we choose C so that $C \subseteq A \cup B$)

Observations

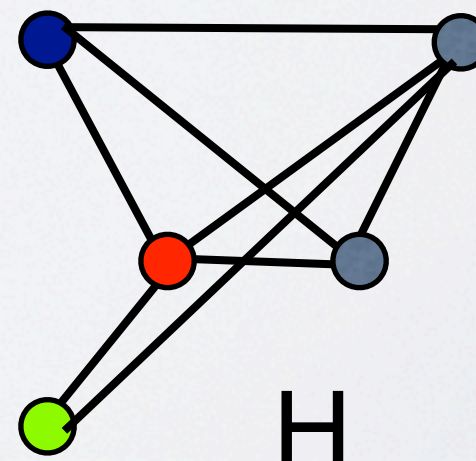
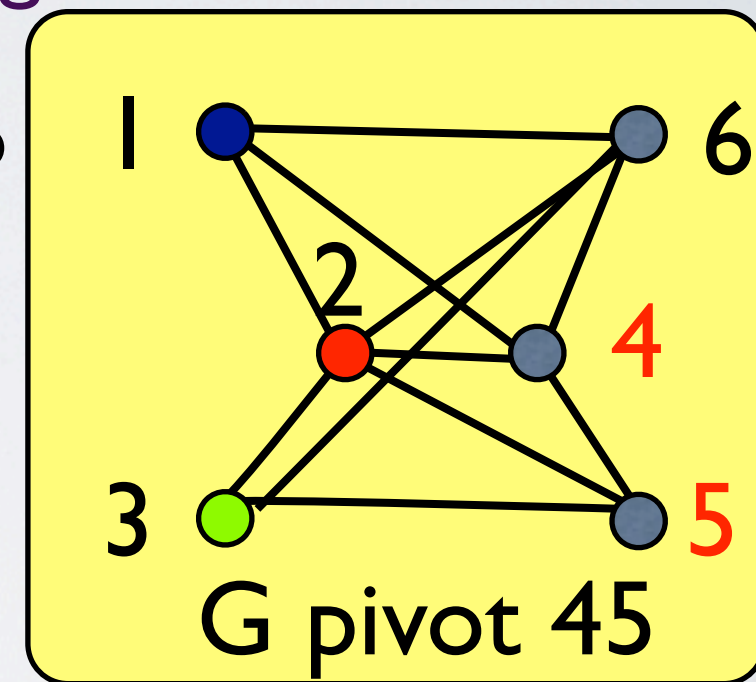
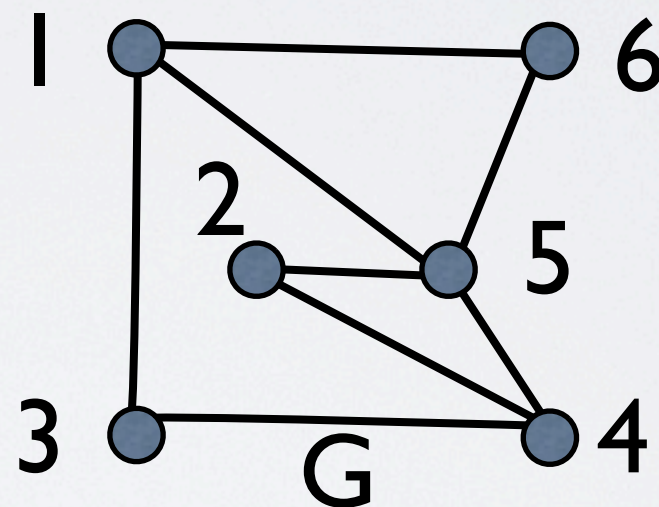
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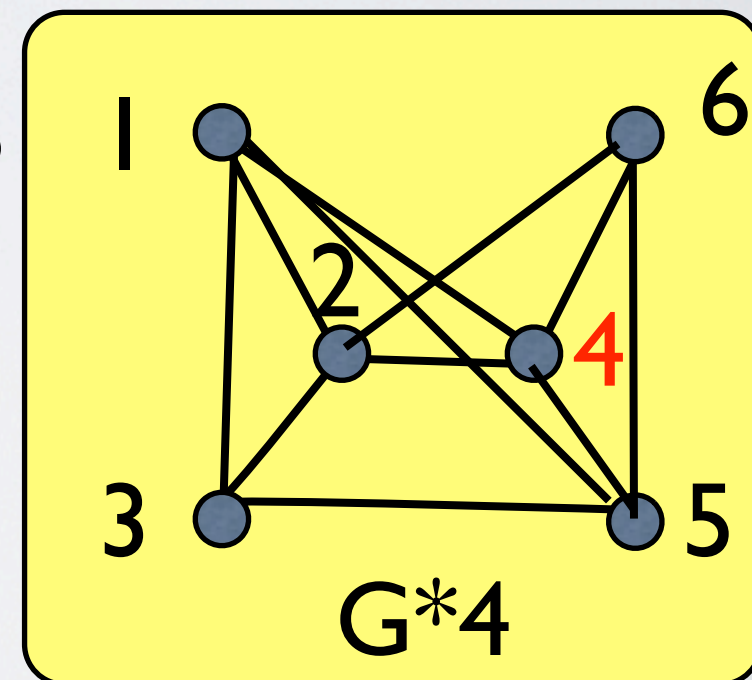
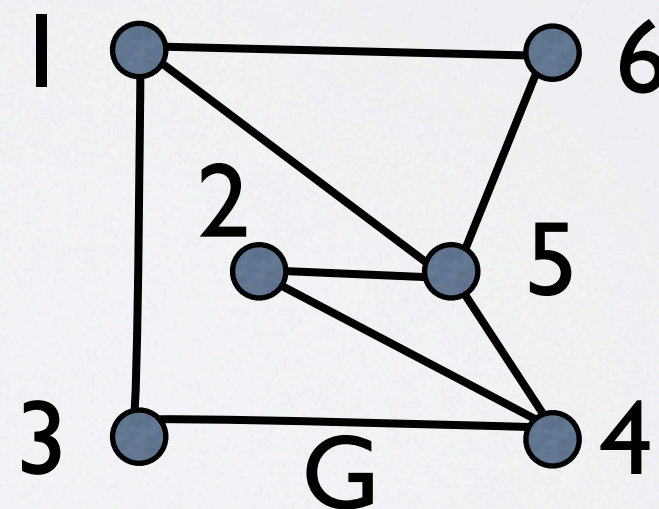
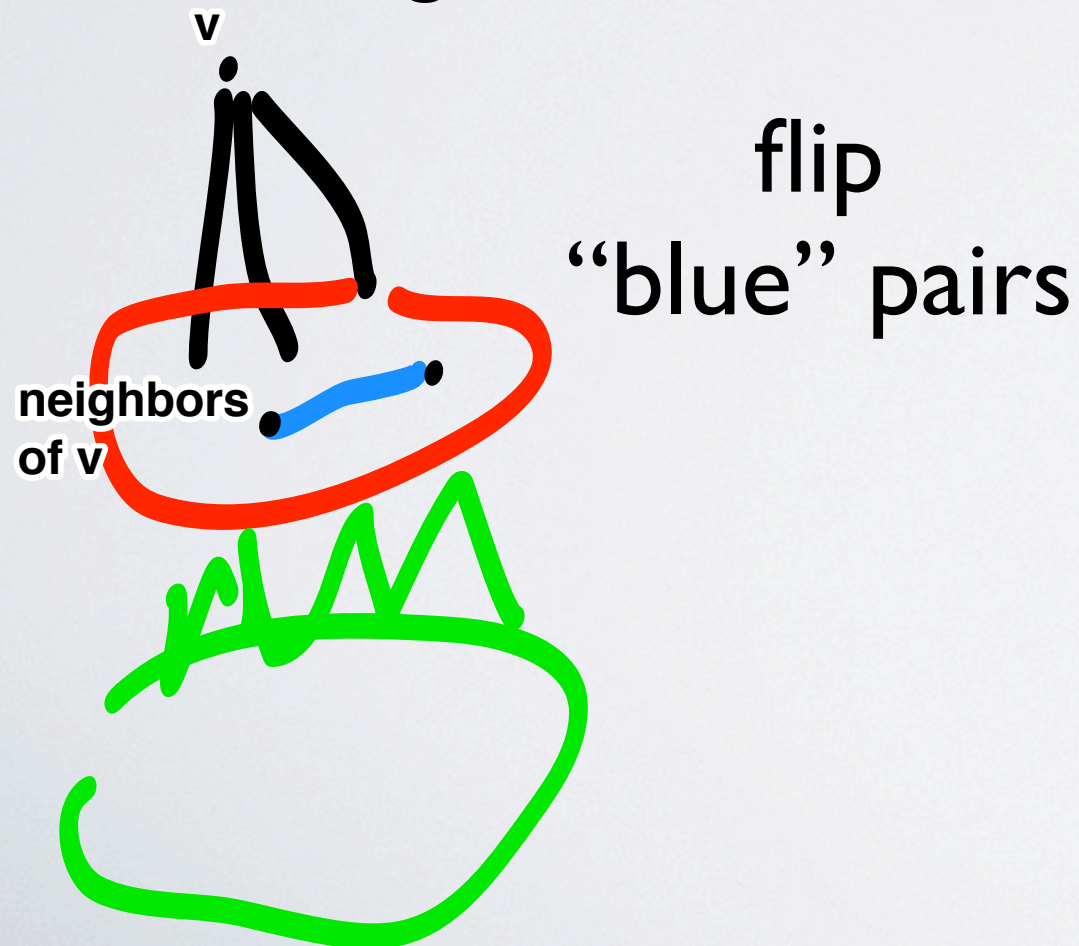


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Vertex-minors

- Another Containment relation, suitable for rank-width
- H is a **vertex-minor** of G if H is obtained from G by applying a sequence of **local complementations** and deleting vertices.

Local Complementation: Flip adjacencies between neighbors of v

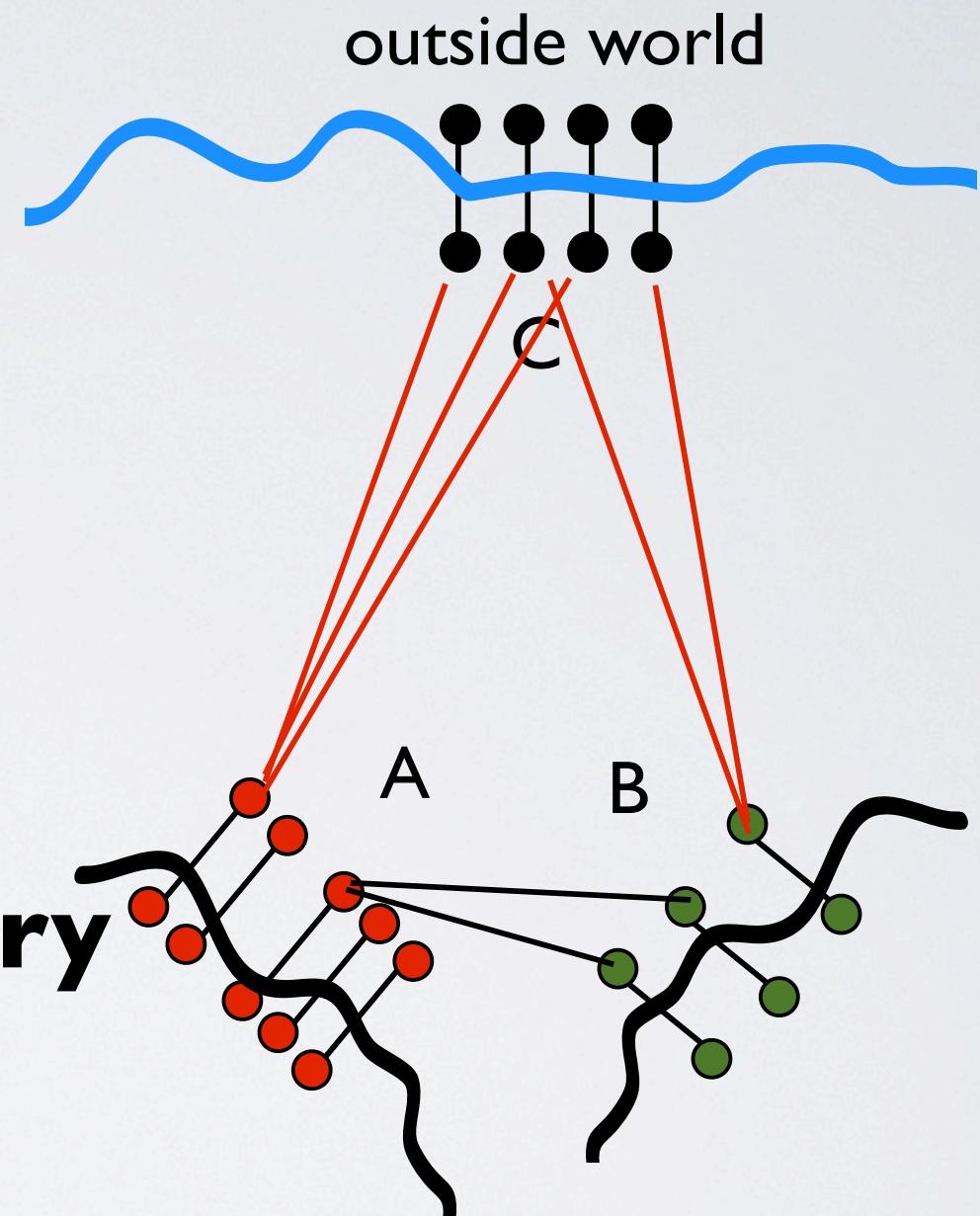


G^*3^*4-3 is a vertex-minor of G

Rank-width 1

- Graphs of rank-width 1 are exactly distance-hereditary graphs (O. 06)
- In our proof, when $k=1$, we only create a tree + disjoint triangles.
- If we replace a triangle by a claw (Δ -Y operation) from H , we obtain a new graph H' .

Corollary:
A graph is **distance-hereditary**
iff
it is a vertex-minor of a tree



More corollaries

- A graph is distance-hereditary (rank-width 1) iff it is a **vertex-minor** of a **tree**.
- A graph is **bipartite** distance-hereditary (rank-width 1) iff it is a **pivot-minor** of a **tree**.
- If a graph has **linear rank-width** k , then it is a **pivot-minor** of a graph of **path-width** $k+1$.
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One more thing

Happy birthday Robin!